

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	No. CR 08-70358 BZ
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Plaintiff,)	[PROPOSED] ORDER DETAINING
)	DEFENDANT PENDING TRIAL
v.)	
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LUIGI FULVIO PALMARES AGUILAR,)	
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)	
Defendant.)	

The defendant, Luigi Fulvio Palmares Aguilar, is charged with transporting child pornography in foreign commerce, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(1). He made his initial appearance before this Court on June 16, 2008. On June 19, 2008, this Court heard the United States' motion to detain the defendant without bail pending trial. The defendant, present and in custody, was represented by counsel. The parties proceeded, without objection, by proffer. Both sides had an opportunity before the hearing to review a report prepared by Pretrial Services.

After considering the evidence and the parties' arguments, this Court orders that the defendant be detained pending trial. The Court finds by clear and convincing evidence that: (1) the defendant poses a serious risk of danger to the community; and (2) a serious risk exists that the defendant will flee.

The Court finds that under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e), no condition or combination of

1 conditions will reasonably ensure the defendant's appearance or the safety of the community for
2 the following reasons:

3 1. The defendant faces serious charges alleging that he committed a violent
4 crime against minor victims. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4)(C) (defining child pornography
5 offenses as violent crimes for purposes of bail and release).

6 2. The weight of the evidence against the defendant, as the government
7 presented it at the detention hearing through proffers, is strong.

8 3. The defendant has one previous conviction for possessing child
9 pornography.

10 4. The defendant poses a serious danger to the community if he is released.
11 Child pornography offenses are easily committed, requiring nothing more than a computer and
12 an Internet connection.

13 5. The defendant has ties overseas: he lived in the Philippines as a child, has
14 family there, and was arrested as he returned from a trip there.

15 6. If convicted, the defendant faces a mandatory minimum prison sentence of
16 15 years, and a maximum sentence of 40 years. The prospect of such a long sentence creates a
17 strong incentive for the defendant to flee and underscores the serious nature of the charges that
18 he faces.

19 Although the defendant's mother offered to post a secured bond and let the defendant live
20 with her, those facts do not reasonably assure that the defendant will appear as required.

21 Based on the foregoing, the government's motion for detention is GRANTED. IT IS
22 HEREBY ORDERED that:

23 1. The defendant be detained pending trial under 18 U.S.C. section 3142;

24 2. The defendant be, and hereby is, committed to the custody of the Attorney
25 General for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons
26 awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeals;

27 3. The defendant be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation
28 with his counsel; and

